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**CROSS CUTTING ISSUES TWG CALL #5 SUMMARY
MARCH 8, 2006 – 3:30-5:00 PM**

Attendance:

1. **TWG members:**
John Fogarty, Physicians for Social Responsibility
Josh Epel, Duke Energy Field Services
Israel Tavarez, City of Albuquerque
Eva Thaddeus, Sierra Club
2. **NMED/EMNRD staff:**
Sandra Ely
Jim Norton
3. **CCS staff:**
Ken Colburn (TWG Facilitator)
4. **Other attendees:**

Background documents:

(unless noted, all posted at www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm, click on Cross-Cutting).

1. Notice and Agenda for Call #5
2. Summary for Call #4 *(emailed separately to TWG members)*
3. PowerPoint presentation for Call #5
4. GHG Reporting Design Options Matrix *(posted previously)*
5. GHG Registry Design Options Matrix

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Ken Colburn opened the teleconference, conducted the roll call, and briefly reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. No changes were made to the Call #4 Summary, but because it was emailed to TWG members the day of the call, not all TWG members had had a chance to review it. As a

result, the TWG agreed to delay approval of the Call #4 Summary to the next TWG teleconference (i.e., Call #6).

3. Ken Colburn reviewed the preliminary recommendations reached by the TWG during Call #4 with respect to the GHG registry design options listed in Section 1 of the *GHG Registry Design Options Matrix*. With slight rewording of the preliminary recommendation for Item 1.5 (*Offsets*) and clarification of acronyms used in the *Matrix*, the TWG affirmed the preliminary recommendations it reached for Section 1. Special note was made of the fact that the design of GHG reporting and the registry needed to allow state programs (e.g., energy efficiency generated by public benefits funds) and other broad-based or aggregation-type programs (e.g., agricultural or forest sequestration efforts) to be reported and their reductions registered. The TWG affirmed that its preliminary recommendations to allow and encourage GHG reporting from all sectors and sources intended to include such efforts.
4. After this review of the TWG's prior conclusions, Ken Colburn provided an update regarding recent GHG registry developments. Ken noted that California's Climate Action Registry (CCAR) will likely be morphing beyond its current voluntary character to provide mandatory reporting capability in light of the California Public Utilities Commission's decision to pursue a load-based cap and trade program for the state's power sector. Ken also noted that the major GHG registry efforts around the country – including the World Resources Institute, CCAR, the Northeast's emerging Regional Greenhouse Gas Registry (RGGR), and the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO) voluntary registry plan – have begun to more seriously communicate about a common umbrella or a "Registry Alliance" to enhance compatibility and share expertise. Jim Norton has participated in these discussions, and added that he has asked principals of these organizations to present at the upcoming Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) climate meeting on April 4-5, 2006 in Salt Lake City. Sandra Ely and Jim Norton also updated the TWG concerning the Southwest Climate Initiative recently initialed jointly by NM Governor Bill Richardson and AZ Governor Janet Napolitano.
5. The TWG turned its attention to considering issues in Sections 2 (*Technical Issues*) and 3 (*Administrative and Operational Issues*) of the *GHG Registry Design Options Matrix*. The TWG developed preliminary recommendations for all items in these two sections.
6. A brief discussion about the TWG's strategy for addressing public education was held, taking note of Mallery Downs' suggestion in Call #4 to include a focus on various audiences.
7. Sandra Ely provided a brief update of the work of the "Ancillary Issues" effort, as requested by the CCAG at its January 11, 2006 meeting in Las Cruces. The group has developed a framework for a "checklist" of issues and items for TWGs to keep in mind while evaluating policy options. An initial draft of the framework has been circulated and some feedback received. Those involved in this effort will continue to flesh out the framework in the weeks ahead, with an eye toward having a work product for the next CCAG meeting on April 26, 2006

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will incorporate the TWG's initial recommendations on Sections 2-3 into a revision of the *GHG Registry Design Options Matrix* and distribute it for review and discussion on the next TWG call.
2. CCS will prepare a similar matrix format regarding audiences and opportunities for public education activities, and will solicit suggestions from other TWGs for education and outreach efforts.
3. Those involved in the "Ancillary Issues" effort will continue to develop and flesh out a framework for a reminder checklist for use by the TWGs. An initial work product is expected for the next CCAG meeting.
4. **Next TWG Call:** Thursday, April 6, 2006 from 1:30–3:00 PM Mountain Time.